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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Masahiro FUKUI, et al.

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For: WIRING METHOD IN LAYOUT DESIGN OF SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT, SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT AND FUNCTIONAL MACRO

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of January 18, 2007 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant hereby elects Embodiment 9 and identifying claims 22 and 23 as readable thereon, for prosecution in the above-identified application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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